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CHARLES PADGETT MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF RIFLE IS EVIDENT CAUSE

Young Man Came From Virginia in February, Where He Leaves Wife and Child

Charles Padgett, 21 years old and a native of Virginia, was found dead on the Wigglesworth sheep range on Butter creek, late Saturday evening by searchers who went out from the sheep ranch to look for him when he failed to return at his usual time. The body was found with a bullet wound through the heart, about two miles from the ranch and near the camp where a band of sheep the man had been herding, were corralled for the night.

Padgett left the ranch Saturday morning on horseback to ride to the corral to take the sheep out on the range as was his daily custom. He carried a rifle in a scabbard slung to his saddle horn and, while the exact circumstances of the tragedy will perhaps never be known, it seemed evident to officials who made an investigation on Sunday that he must have withdrawn the rifle from its scabbard when about to dismount and dropped it, thus discharging the weapon. The bullet went directly through the heart ranging downward.

The body was allowed to remain where it lay and Coroner Case was notified and early Sunday morning that official, accompanied by Sheriff McDuffe and District Attorney Norton, went out and conducted an investigation bringing out the conclusions above stated. The body was brought to Heppner and is being held awaiting advice from his wife and other relatives in the east.

Padgett was 21 years old and a native of Galax, Virginia, where he leaves a widow and one child. He came to Oregon last February from his Virginia home and secured work on the Wigglesworth ranch where a brother-in-law, Alex Campbell is also employed, expecting to send for his family later. He was well liked by his employer and associates and was considered a young man of good character and habits and devoted to his wife and child. No known reason can be conjectured by those who knew him that would in any way point to suicide.

A coroner's jury was empaneled today and after a full investigation of the occurrence a verdict of accidental death was returned.

CLEVER IDEAS IN POSTER CONTEST

An interesting exhibit of posters was shown in the window at Phelps Grocery Co. last week, the work of third grade pupils in the public schools of Morrow county. The campaign was promoted by the Oregon Society for the prevention of tuberculosis and the ten posters on exhibition were selected by the committee of judges because of their originality and advertising value in the promotion of health.

Pupils securing a place in the exhibition are: Raymond Lamoraux, Velma Bray, Walter Warner, June Knight and Mabel Warner, of Irrigon; Edith Allison, of Ione, and Ella Fell, Annie McNamee, Opal Englebert and Winnifred Thomson, of Heppner. Judges awarding the places were Miss Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. Neva Clabaugh and Miss Etta Devin.

The posters have been sent to Portland where they will be on exhibition at the Central Library all this week.

ALFRED J. SMITH Candidate for Representative 22nd District

—Umatilla and Morrow Counties— Born in the Territory comprising This District When Umatilla and Morrow counties were one.

Whole Life spent here. Familiar with the needs of the people.

Active in Sheep business for 25 years. Now president of the J. E. Smith Sheep Company Stands For Retrenchment, Economy And Lower Taxes

—Paid Advertisement—

BALL GAME SCHEDULE

Manager Van Marter announces the following game schedule for his team:

- Sunday, May 14—Heppner vs. Lexington, at Heppner.
- Sunday, May 21—Heppner vs. Arlington, at Heppner.
- Sunday, May 28—Open.
- Monday and Tuesday, May 29 and 30—Heppner vs. Condon, at Heppner
- Sunday, June 4—Heppner vs. Moro, at Heppner.
- Sunday, June 11—Heppner vs. Condon at Heppner.
- Saturday, June 17—Heppner vs. Wasco at Wasco.
- Sunday, June 18—Heppner vs. Moro at Moro.
- Sunday, June 25—Heppner vs. Arlington at Arlington.

This schedule gives Heppner fans seven good games without a break for while May 28th is yet an open date Mr. Van Marter expects to have no trouble in filling it, and the present outlook is for the best season of sport Heppner has enjoyed in many years.

EBERHARD CHALLENGES KITCHEN'S EXPENSES

Senator Celen R. Eberhard, of La Grande, has issued the following statement to the voters of the 19th senatorial district comprising Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties:

"Expenditures of money by a candidate for the legislature and his immediate family is limited by law to the sum of one hundred dollars. Evasion of this law may be accomplished by forming a club. Mr. Kitchen has formed a club. Its membership is not published. Its secretary is an unregistered voter at La Grande, not to my knowledge heretofore affiliated with the Republican party. Contributions are supposed to be made to such a club, and the expenditures contracted and paid in its name. Mr. Kitchen has published six or more large display ads in various newspapers, costing in excess of twenty dollars each; has had printed ten thousand or more circulars at a cost of probably fifty dollars; has a 'campaign manager' who travels around the district spreading the circulars and the Kitchen gospel; and must have incurred other expenditures, including traveling expenses for himself and manager while traveling over the district. These items aggregate more than one hundred dollars. The public would doubtless be interested to know who is putting up the additional money to carry on this campaign. Accordingly, I hereby challenge Mr. Kitchen now to make public the names secured by his paid solicitors and claimed by him to constitute the 'Kitchen for Senator Club.' Kitchen and his satellites are the only known persons questioning the sincerity and loyalty of myself as a member of the 'Faithful Fourteen.' Let Kitchen tell the public whether large interests offended by me in my legislative career are not now financing his campaign of misrepresentation. In short, let Kitchen tell who is behind him. Will he do it?"

JUDGE WEBSTER HOLMES FOR GOVERNOR

Judge Webster Holmes, of Tillamook, has announced his candidacy for governor on the Democratic ticket on a platform that promises economy with a big E. The judge is an old line Democrat and not ashamed of it and if elected promises to cut off every item of expense in state government not absolutely necessary. One plank that will not get him many votes from other candidates for state offices is that which declares that officials should be required to do their own work instead of having the people pay for a horde of more or less useless employees. He would also abolish the Fish and Game commission and all other commissions with the exception of the State Industrial Insurance commission and the Corporation commission.

Judge Holmes may not be nominated nor elected but for all that there are a lot of things in his platform that will appeal to the average, overburdened taxpayer.

County Roadmaster W. L. McCaleb

who went to Portland a couple of weeks ago to consult a specialist, has returned and reports his health much improved.

RUMOR OF CUT IN TRAIN SERVICE ON BR. DENIED

HERALD STORY BRINGS LETTER FROM OFFICIALS

No Foundation in Traffic Department Say McMurray and Lounsbury

An article published in the Herald a couple of weeks ago regarding a rumor that Monday's train service on Heppner branch might be discontinued has brought forth the following letter of information regarding the matter. The letter is addressed to the Agent at Heppner and is signed by Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent and H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent:

"Referring to an article published in Heppner Herald April 25th entitled 'Cutting Train Service on Branch Rumored:'

"We do not know how this started unless, possibly, as the article intimates, by some of the crew.

"This is the first information we have received on the subject and you can say that the rumor has no foundation insofar as the Traffic Department is concerned."

This information will be welcome to the people of Heppner and Morrow county as the cancellation of one train a week on the branch would prove a serious handicap to all of the people served by the Heppner branch.

However, it is possible that there might be a foundation for the rumor in the Operating Department and it would not be amiss for Heppner to take this matter up with the officials of that department at once.

COUNTY SURVEYOR LOCATES LEXINGTON-BOARDMAN ROAD

County Surveyor Kirshner, W. O. Minor and Bert Mason, acting as an official committee of road viewers, went over the Lexington-Boardman road last week and finally located that much discussed route on a line running directly south from Boardman to an intersection with the Lexington-Jarman market road now under construction.

To a Herald reporter Friday, Mr. Kirshner stated that the route follows the section line almost the entire distance and a five per cent grade was easily obtained. In fact, so little construction difficulties are found on the route that the viewers were able to negotiate the entire trip in their car.

The new construction necessary to put the new route in commission for ordinary travel totals 12 miles with no heavy work.

The route will be surveyed and, it is understood Boardman people and others interested will open the road with voluntary labor as soon as the rains come next fall.

W. O. Bayless was also one of the viewers.

CANDIDATE SMITH VISITS HERE

Alfred J. Smith, of Pendleton and Pilot Rock, a candidate for the Republican nomination for joint representative from this district, spent a couple of days in and around Heppner last week in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Smith is engaged in the sheep business and was feeling pretty well satisfied with the recent sale of his wool clip at the advanced prices.

Dame Rumor has it that Mr. Smith has the endorsement of the K. K. Klan in his candidacy but if this is true he did not mention the fact to the Herald during his visit here.

PLEASANT PARTY AT COCHRAN HOME

One of the very pleasant social events of the season was that given at the home of Mrs. Emmet W. Cochran, on Court street last Thursday afternoon, Mesdames Cochran C. W. McNamer, Alva Jones and C. W. Shurtle being the hostesses. Between 35 and 40 guests were present and 12 tables were occupied at bridge during the afternoon. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and delicious refreshments were served. Honors went to Mrs. W. O. Hager, first; Mrs. Oviatt, second and Mrs. F. A. McMennamin, consolation.

Mrs. Cochran also entertained a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen Thursday evening.

TOOZE CAMPAIGNS FOR WHITE FOR GOVERNOR

Walter L. Tooze sr., of Salem, and Major J. V. Schur, of Portland, were visitors in Heppner Saturday night being on a tour of eastern Oregon in the interest of George A. White for Governor campaign.

To be exact, Mr. Tooze was doing the campaign work and Major Schur was driving the car and we have Mr. Tooze's word for it that the major is the best little car driver in captivity.

"He saved my life yesterday coming here from Condon," asserted Walter. "When we were within less than an inch of eternity, his coolness in the face of danger and his wonderful dexterity at the wheel saved my life."

The major modestly admitted the charge but asserted that his action was not purely in Mr. Tooze's interest—he saved his own life at the same time. "Anyway," continued the major, "knowing Walter as I do, and knowing the amount of campaign oratory he still has in his system, I was afraid that if he got killed on the trip before the oratory was all used up it might prove fatal to him in later life."

Mr. Tooze is one of the old school of political campaigners. When out on a political mission in which he is interested as he is in the present campaign, he runs on high with his chains on and muffler wide open. He has a booming voice, and fully as much "pep" as he had in the old days before his son Walter appeared on the scene and hung the sr. on his dad's name.

He is 100 per cent White, and 150 per cent for White for Governor and when he tells a voter that "A vote for White for Governor is Your Only Chance for a New Deal, a Square Deal, and an Economical Re-organization of the Governmental Affairs of the State," in that booming voice of his, the voter has to either agree with him or face a fight.

General White has an enviable record as an economical administrator of the military affairs of Oregon and ranks high as gubernatorial timber. Not many men in Oregon or elsewhere who have been entrusted with the expenditure of public money can show the record made by General White in 1917. He had in his hands \$140,000 for use in mobilizing the state's manpower for the world war and in those days of wild extravagance he not only completed his job in record time, putting Oregon first among the states, but he also turned back an unexpended balance of \$90,000 of the money entrusted to him.

Theodore Roosevelt jr. and George A. White, formed the first tentative organization of the American Legion in Paris during the war and the Legion boys are naturally strong for him.

Whether he entered the lists early enough to secure the nomination will only be known when the primary votes are counted.

HULDEN SAYS MORROW COUNTY SHOULD HAVE PLACE

E. M. Hulden, of Heppner, candidate for joint representative from Morrow and Umatilla counties, was in town Thursday. He bases his campaign on the right of Morrow county to have representation. The joint representative is the only state office sought by Morrow county and that county is entitled to some representation. It would be an injustice to deprive Morrow county of that office. —Echo News.

FUNERAL OF ALBERT E. BINNS

Funeral services over the remains of Albert E. Binns, who died at Corvallis Monday, May 1st, were held in the Masonic temple in this city Thursday afternoon, being in charge of officials of Heppner Lodge, No. 69, A. F. & A. M.

Rev. E. L. Moore delivered the sermon.

Deceased was born in Laclede county, Missouri in 1849 and was aged 72 years, 7 months and 11 days at the time of his death. Mr. Binns was a resident of Heppner for more than 20 years and was engaged in the livery, hotel and merchandising lines of business at different times during that period. The family moved to Corvallis some two years ago. He is survived by his widow and one son, Kenneth L. Binns and one brother, John Binns.

KLAN MAKES TROUBLE IN LEGION POST AT MEDFORD

Down at Medford where several masked raiding parties have operated recently, their activities being attributed to the Ku Klux Klan, a resolution condemning lawlessness and violence, introduced at a meeting of the American Legion Post, was defeated. Following the meeting a member of the Legion who spoke and voted for the resolution, received a threatening letter supposedly from the Klan, for supporting the resolution. At the next meeting the member reported the letter to the post and the resolution was again introduced and again defeated. As a result, six members of the Legion withdrew from the organization and later published a statement setting forth the facts in the case. Colonel E. E. Kelly, one of the withdrawing members, although well past the draft age, went into the army when this country entered the world war and earned for himself a Colonel's commission while in active service in France. He is a lawyer and at present is a candidate for circuit judge of his judicial district.

GROWERS GET BETTER PROFITS THROUGH POOL

Realizing that there may be as much as 15 cents a pound variation in price in different grades of wool Texas growers last year took advantage of information regarding grades and grading given them by extension workers employed cooperatively by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State college of agriculture, through the organization of county and State pools. Through these wool pools the growers were enabled to attract larger buyers and obtain the higher prices offered for well graded wool in large quantities.

Since the formation of the State pool in Texas last year, large quantities of graded wool and mohair have been sold directly to the mills, bringing a greater profit to the growers than when sold to local buyers and speculators. About 850,000 pounds of wool and mohair were sold through the State pool. A large part of this wool was graded by experts and about 300,000 pounds were sold at 6 to 30 cents a pound, (this being 10 cents a pound more than the average of the country.

County pools for selling wool and mohair were used in counties which did not join the State pool. The wool sold in this way brought 1 to 3 cents a pound more than the price received by the individual growers and the profit amounted to about \$20,000. In all, 2,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair grown in Texas were sold through pools in 1921.

In North Carolina where there was no market for wool, the department aided the farmers in 1921 in arranging to have 40,000 pounds of wool made up into blankets. More than 4000 pairs of blankets were made, the farmers receiving from 50c to \$1.25 a pound for their wool through this method of marketing.

LET'S ELECT THE BUNCH

If every candidate for governor could be nominated and elected and if each one of them could effect the saving in public expenditures they promise to do, the old state of Oregon should soon have such a swelled treasury that our taxes could all be remitted and the state pay us all a bonus or pension on the side. Better elect the bunch and try this scheme out. It's no crazier than plenty of other plans advocated by some of our "Maeter mind" politician-statesmen.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS VISITS HERE

James H. Gwinn, of Pendleton, who is seeking the nomination for congress in the second district, was a Heppner visitor during the week. Mr. Gwinn is making a vigorous campaign that, if successful, would supplant Nick Sinnott who has served the district faithfully for a number of years, with an untried man. Mr. Gwinn is a successful business man and a vigorous campaigner and is reputed to have the endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan in his campaign.

Mrs. A. W. Wheelhouse, of Arlington and Mrs. Charles Ames, of Rock Creek, were the guests of Mrs. C. W. Shurtle for a few days last week.

GOLD WIND AND DUST HINDER CONDON GAME

HEPPNER LOSES TO SUMMIT CITY TEAM 10-14

Van's Boys Do Fine Batting But Also Lead in Making Errors

Pap Van Marter took his boys over to Condon Sunday and while they all returned safely and, according to the Heppner fans who took in the game, they generally gave a good account of themselves, they failed to annex the game.

The weather was villainous, a stiff wind and other discomforts of the season, they played the game for all it was worth.

The score rose to sublime heights, as the poets say, 10-14 being the figures handed down by the official scorekeeper with Condon four to the good.

"Kewpie" Klow, a well known pitcher in Oregon, pitched the first half of the game for Condon and was relieved by Fitchner in the last half, while Moeller, for Heppner, went through the nine innings unaided.

The game was noted for the batting exhibitions; Heppner taking 16 nice clean hits from the Condon twirlers while Condon was able to mark up 9 from Moeller's delivery. K. Hopkins, Heppner's third baseman, starred with one home run, one three bagger and a two spot, while Van Marter got 4 clean hits out of five times up. Edwards pegged out a two bagger and a single and Anderson got a couple of goodsingles.

There were many errors on both sides due largely to the condition of the diamond with Heppner somewhat in the lead along that line.

The 10-cent breakfast served by the Christian church Endeavorers last Friday morning was a financial success netting \$50 for the church building fund. The Endeavor society has pledged \$500 or \$10 per member to the new church building.

BUNDLE DAY, FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF MAY 24

May 24th will be Bundle Day for the Near East Relief throughout the United States. Last year America sent 1,000 tons of clothing to the Near East. President Maecanagian of the Armenian Republic says that one-fifth of the present population of that section have been clothed in cast off American garments during the year. New clothing wears out fast enough, the supply of half grown garments is now completely exhausted. Numberless men, women and children are destitute of clothing and thousands have no covering whatever save the thinnest rags.

Inside the Near East Relief orphanages, much of the clothing is manufactured by the children themselves under the direction of the relief workers, but the majority of them and almost the entire population of Armenia will have to dress in American second hand clothes again next year.

Approximately eighty per cent of the hand looms have been destroyed during the war; famine and invasion have scattered the women and girls who formerly operated them and the flocks of sheep which in former days furnished the wool have been killed for food or stolen by invaders.

"With the exception of food there is no greater need than that of clothing," says J. J. Hansaker, State Director of Near East Relief, who traveled extensively in the Near East last summer. "Therefore I am asking the people of Oregon to respond to the appeal for warm clothing and shoes that comes to us from the Near East and Southwestern Russia.

It is planned that the appeal for spare clothing be spread in schools, churches, clubs, lodges, through speakers, illustrated circulars, motion pictures and the press, that every organized group in the State may have opportunity to make collection of clothes, and that it also be presented to clothing concerns whose shelves and store rooms may be cleared of shop worn garments that are too poor or out of date to sell and too good to throw away.